

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 52

January 27, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Correction (DOC) to test all inmates for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prior to their release from prison and requires each inmate who tested positive to undergo a confirmatory test. Authorizes DOC to recover the expenses incurred for such testing from an inmate's trust fund account.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$45,600

Assumptions:

- According to DOC, there are approximately 7,000 inmates released from the Department each year. One percent of those (70) test positive for HIV. During FY08, the cost for an HIV screening was \$8 per inmate. The estimated cost to perform the required test on each inmate would be \$56,000 (7,000 x \$8).
- During FY08, the cost for a confirmatory test for those inmates who tested positive for HIV (70) was \$215 per inmate. The total cost for these tests would be \$15,050 (70 x \$215).
- The Department estimates that 40 percent of the initial testing (\$56,000 x 40% = \$22,400) and 20 percent of the cost for confirmatory testing (\$15,050 x 20% = \$3,010) would be recovered from inmate's trust funds.
- The total additional cost to the Department for the required testing would be \$45,640 (\$56,000 + \$15,050 - \$22,400 - \$3,010 = \$45,640).

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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